FLAG CODES

Permanent Flags and ** Title Brands

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FLAG CODE DEFINITIONS FOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION

*Indicates those flags you may set when processing certain files

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CODES DEFINITIONS

AB ASSEMBLED VEHICLE

Indicates a vehicle has been built using various new and/or used parts. The initial transaction must be routed to the Specialized Plate and Title Unit to set the "AB" flag on computer. All following transactions may then be processed in the field or at headquarters. The words "ASSEMBLED VEHICLE" will be printed on the title and will remain on all subsequent records.

AF AUDIT

Set by the Title Registration Unit against a particular office on a particular date. The flag denotes that title transaction files will be stopped for that date and audited. This fatal flag stops all further transactions on that particular vehicle until auditing has been completed.

AH AUTO HULK

"Auto Hulk" means any material which is or may have been a motor vehicle, with or without all component parts, which is not self-propelled nor capable of carrying persons or property upon a public highway and which material is in such condition that its highest or primary value is its sale or transfer as parts or scrap metal. **This "AH" is a fatal flag and you will not be able to process any transactions against it.** In the event an error was made in setting the flag, contact 225-925-6381 for assistance.

AS ABEYANCE SUSPENSE

Indicates that an incomplete file covering the vehicle was submitted with cash attached or with incomplete, incorrect, or no address. The fees are deposited and held in abeyance and the file suspended until additional fees and/or documents are submitted.

CC CRESCENT CITY CONNECTION DIVISION

The "CC" flag will prevent the renewal or issuance of a plate and/or registration on the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle is responsible for the payment of the toll to the CCCD, regardless of who was driving the vehicle at the time. Contact 504-376-8190.

CD CERTIFICATE OF DESTRUCTION

The "CD" flag indicates that a Certificate of Destruction covering this vehicle was issued as a result of a disaster or emergency and has been declared a "total loss". See Policy Section IV, Policy 76.01. **This is a fatal flag and you will not be able to process a transaction against it.** In the event an error was made in setting the flag, contact the Title Registration Unit at 225-922-2477 for assistance.

CH CHILD SUPPORT

A new revocation flag, "CH," has been created and will be set on the motor vehicle record through the "11LP" transaction screen by the Conviction/Medical Unit, when the notice of noncompliance includes the vehicle information. If the license plate is surrendered, the "CP" flag must be set. If the "CP CH" flags are set, the "SF" flag must be set at the time of reinstatement. See Policy Section II, Policy 41. The flag will prevent the renewal or issuance of a plate and/or registration on the vehicle to same owner. However, a TT 61, 62, 64, and 32 can be processed.

CK CRUSHED KATRINA VEHICLE

The "CK" (Crushed Katrina) flag indicates a vehicle was abandoned and destroyed by Hurricane Katrina and has now been crushed. Data receives the file and the "CK" flag is automatically set on the vehicle record to indicate the vehicle has been crushed. **This is a fatal flag and you will not be able to process a transaction against it.** In the event an error was made in setting the flag, contact the Title Registration Unit at 225-922-2477 for assistance.

* CL CLEAR TITLE

Indicates a clear Louisiana title has been issued on the vehicle record. An edit check is made when the transaction is entered to make certain that no liens exist on the vehicle record.

CO COMMENTS

Indicates a special note has been attached to the computer record. If this flag exists on a master record, the operator **must** check the special comment record to see the information it contains before completing the transaction or giving information. The "CO" flag does not stop the processing or updating of any transaction types and should be removed if no longer relevant.

* CP CANCELLED PLATE

Indicates plate has been cancelled. Other flags may or may not be set in conjunction with the "CP" to explain plate cancellation.

CP AP CANCELLED PLATE/APPORTIONED PLATE

Indicates the license plate was cancelled by the Department because an apportioned license plate was issued.

* CP DE CANCELLED PLATE/DRIVER'S EDUCATION

Indicates that the license plate was cancelled because it was issued to a Driver's Education vehicle free of charge and the vehicle has now been transferred.

CP DV CANCELLED PLATE/DISMANTLED

Indicates the license plate was cancelled because the vehicle was dismantled.

CP FR CANCELLED PLATE/FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Indicates plate surrendered as a result of a suspension for Safety Responsibility in an accident case. The flag will prevent the renewal or issuance of a plate and/or registration on the vehicle. See Section IV, #87.0.

CP NI CANCELLED PLATE/NO LIABILITY INSURANCE

Indicates no liability coverage on the vehicle and the plate and registration has been received by the Department and cancelled.

* CP NV CANCELLED PLATE/NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Indicates a notice of violation case has been created and Temporary Vehicle Use Authorization has expired. When revocation is imposed, the "NV" flag will be removed and NI will be set on the vehicle record.

CP PA CANCELLED PLATE/PUBLIC AGENCY ** (NO LONGER USED) **

Indicates the license plate was cancelled because it was issued at no charge and the vehicle has now been transferred.

* CP PT CANCELLED PLATE/PRIVATE TRANSFER

Current license plate was cancelled due to a private vehicle transfer. Plate must be surrendered for cancellation, if a new owner has possession of it.

CP RF CANCELLED PLATE/REFUND

Indicates that the license plate and registration were submitted to the Department and a refund was issued.

CP RS CANCELLED PLATE/RESCINDED SALE

Indicates that the license plate was cancelled because the sale of the vehicle was rescinded and the vehicle was returned to the seller (dealership or individual). Process with a TT25 NONE or TT35 NONE. Flags set by the Title Registration Unit.

CP SC CANCELLED PLATE/SALE CANCELLED

Indicates the sale of the new vehicle was canceled by mutual agreement between the customer and dealer. Flags set by Title Registration Unit.

CP SP CANCELLED PLATE/SPECIALIZED PLATE

Indicates the license plate was cancelled by the Department because a special plate was issued, (i.e. Prestige, Ham, XPOW, etc.).

* CP TR CANCELLED PLATE/TRADE TO DEALER

Indicates the current license plate was cancelled because the vehicle has been traded to a dealer. Plate must be removed by dealer.

* CP TS CANCELLED PLATE/TITLE SURRENDERED OUT-OF-STATE

Indicates that the license plate was cancelled because the Louisiana title was surrendered for registering out-of-state and title was returned to Louisiana for cancellation. (Plate not always returned to the Department in this instance.) The state to which it was surrendered is displayed in the TTA field and the date of surrender in the TRDA field.

* CP VS CANCELLED PLATE/VOLUNTARILY SURRENDERED

Indicates the license plate was cancelled because the owner voluntarily surrendered the license plate and registration due to cancellation of liability security covering the vehicle. Plate cannot be cancelled if there is an NI flag on the record. Refer the customer to the nearest reinstatement OMV office.

CS CONTINUATION STATEMENT FOR LIEN

Indicates that a statement from the lienholder has been received showing an extension period for the lien.

CV CRUSHED VEHICLE

Indicates a vehicle has been completely crushed. This flag can only be set and/or removed by the Stored Vehicle Unit. Contact this unit if you need assistance at (225)925-6381. Since the vehicle has been completely crushed and, therefore, cannot be restored to road-worthy condition, **no transaction should be processed once this flag has been set.** DO NOT process a TT37 to remove the flag.

DC Indicates a vehicle was traded to a dealer under the cash for clunkers program. This "DC" flag: must be set in conjunction with the cancel plate/trade flags (CP/TR) on the vehicle record for the trade vehicle. When setting this flag you need to make certain that the computer record you are setting the flag on is the correct vehicle record. **This is a fatal stop that can only be removed administratively;** therefore, any request to remove a flag set in error must be forwarded with a written explanation and a copy of all supporting documentation up the chain of command for review and correction.

Records with this flag will be sent to the National Motor Vehicle Information System (NMVTIS). This is a database that maintains vehicle title information nationwide. Once this flag is entered into this system should someone attempt to re-title the vehicle in another state the transaction would be blocked.

* DH DESIGNATED HANDICAPPED PLATE

Indicates that the mobility impaired license plate has been designated to one recipient vehicle for the exclusive use of a mobility, impaired person. Special parking privileges are allowed **only** when used to transport the mobility impaired person.

DS NOTICE OF SUSPENSION

Indicates a license plate was removed by a law officer when an operator/owner was driving their vehicle while suspended. This flag will remain on the vehicle until the person has cleared all outstanding suspensions on their driving record. This flag does not block a transfer of ownership.

DS HD NOTICE OF SUSPENSION HARDSHIP PLATE

Indicates an operator/owner was driving their vehicle while suspended and has requested the issuance of a hardship plate to allow for the vehicle to continue being operated. This flag does not block a transfer of ownership. The "HD" flag cannot stand alone, it must be set with the "DS" flag.

DT DUPLICATE TITLE

Indicates a duplicate title was issued to the vehicle at some time in the past. The flag will be carried forward into each subsequent transaction processed against this vehicle record. The "DT" flag does not stop the processing of any transaction types. The flag is set internally when you process transactions 61 and 62.

DISMANTLED VEHICLE – Indicates that the title or a Permit to Sell was surrendered to the Motor Vehicle Division and a Permit to Dismantle was issued. Permits to Dismantle can only be processed by the Stored Vehicle Unit. This flag is fatal and no transactions can be processed against this vehicle.

EL ELECTRONIC LIEN TITLE

Indicates the record was processed with an ELT code. Once an "EL" flag is set on a record, no title transactions except a TT32 and (TT65 and TT64 for contracted public tag agents only) can be processed. All non title transactions will be allowed. Refer to Section IV, policy no. 35.03

* FN FOREIGN TITLE HELD BY LIENHOLDER

Indicates the out-of-state title to this vehicle is being held by lienholder. A Louisiana title will not be issued until the out-of-state title is surrendered. "FOREIGN" will be shown in the current title field. When processing a file and "NONE" is displayed in the license field and a "TS" flag has been set, you can process a T21 and set the "FN" Flag. This flag can only be set on TT11, TT19, and TT60. An "FN" flag cannot be set unless a "TS" flag has been entered.

FT FREE LICENSE TAG/PLATE

Indicates the license plate is a free private plate. A free private plate cannot be transferred to another owner.

FV FARM VEHICLE

The flag code "FV" must be entered in both the flag field and the no-tax field to allow the exemption. As this is farm equipment, no plate should be issued. See Section IV, policy #1.

GF GOOD FAITH TITLE

Indicates that the vehicle was titled without a bill of sale or current record of ownership. The flag prevents a title from being issued.

GK GLIDER KIT

Indicates that a glider kit is used on a previously titled vehicle showing a new body and year. The component parts of the old unit are used to construct the assembled vehicle using the glider kit to complete the new unit. The initial transaction must be routed to the Stored Vehicle Unit to set the "GK" flag on computer. All following transactions may then be processed in the field or headquarters. The words "GLIDER KIT" will be printed on the title and will remain on all subsequent records.

GM GREY MARKET

Indicates a vehicle was not manufactured for use in the United States. Grey Market vehicles are manufactured overseas for use in other countries. They do not meet State and Federal Emission Control and Safety standards and therefore must be converted for use in this country. The VIN pattern generally will not correspond with vehicles of the same type produced for use in this country and as such may not meet the VIN edit check on our systems. The initial transaction must be routed to the Title Registration Unit to set the "GM" flag on the computer. All following transactions may then be processed in the field or headquarters. The words "GREY MARKET" will **not** be printed on the title, however, the flag, "GM", will remain on the master record.

HD HAIL DAMAGED VEHICLE

Indicates a motor vehicle has sustained cosmetic damages caused by hail and equivalent to seventy-five percent or more. Out-of-state titles reflecting water damage must also be shown on subsequent transactions. The hail damage code must be entered on the computer as "HD" which will brand the title "Hail Damaged". It will become a permanent part of that vehicles' history.

HI HEARING IMPAIRED

Indicates that the driver of the vehicle is deaf or hard of hearing. The "HI" flag will will Print a "Hearing Impaired" literal on the vehicle registration. The flag will remain on the registration until ownership is transferred or it is requested that it be removed. The "HI" flag will be used in combination with any plate type. It is not necessary that a hearing impaired plate be issued to the vehicle.

IH INTERSTATE HAULERS

Indicates vehicle is utilized for interstate haulers. This flag is to be set whenever an IH no-tax code is entered. This flag will prevent regular license plates from being issued to trucks which require apportioned license plates. Ident trailer plates can still be issued if this flag is set. IH flag will remain on the master record until such time as ownership changes or taxes are paid. DO NOT remove an IH flag with a TT37. Once the IH flag has been set, an operator will be allowed to lift the flag when processing a TT21, TT25, TT31 or TT35. The flag will automatically lift when processing a TT24, TT26, TT57, or TT59. **The flag should remain on the record when processing a TT32, TT61 or TT62.** A TT51 cannot be processed against the flag unless a trailer plate is being issued.

**JP JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Indicates Missing documentation and/or chain of ownership to register vehicle to new owner.

KC KIT CAR

Indicates that a vehicle is assembled utilizing a kit combined with the chassis and/or power train of a pre-existing vehicle or vehicles. The initial transaction must be routed to the Stored Vehicle Unit to set the "KC" flag on the computer. All following transactions may then be processed in the field or headquarters. The words "KIT CAR" will be printed on the title and will remain on all subsequent records.

LA1 L1 TOLL BRIDGE FACILITY

The "L1" flag will prevent the renewal or issuance of a plate and/or registration on the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle is responsible for the payment of the toll to the LA1 Toll Facility, regardless of who was driving the vehicle at the time. Contact 985-475-3016.

* LP LOST PLATE

Indicates that the license number by which inquiry was made has been reported lost and a new license has been issued as a replacement. No transaction can be processed against a record in which the flag is set, because it is inactive and a new record exists under the replacement license plate number and by the VIN.

LT LIEN

Indicates that a statement from the lienholder has been received showing that the lien has been satisfied.

MC STATE POLICE (MCSAP)

Indicates the flag set by State Police, you must call the phone number shown in the comment. The "MC" flag will prevent the renewal or issuance of a plate and/or registration on the vehicle until compliance is met.

* ME MILEAGE EXCEEDS

Indicates odometer reading is over 100,000 miles but the vehicle odometer itself only mechanically allows a reading up to 99,999.

MP MISSING PLATE

Indicates that the license number by which inquiry was made has been reported missing in shipment from the manufacturer. The flag is set in the license index only and is never attached to a specific vehicle record. No transactions are allowed against this flag.

MS MANUALLY SOLD PLATE

Indicates the license plate was manually sold for audit purposes.

NI NO LIABILITY SECURITY COVERAGE

Indicates no liability security coverage on the vehicle and a 16 (pick up order) has been issued by the Department for the plate and registration. The "NI" flag will prevent the renewal or issuance of a plate and/or registration on the vehicle

* NM NOT ACTUAL MILEAGE

Indicates a vehicle odometer has been replaced, damaged or for some reason changed.

NP NO-PRINT TITLE

The NP (no-print) flag is to be set on a TT61 when processing the first part of a double for a salvage and/or water damaged and/or Katrina salvage title. This will allow the collection of the required fees for a duplicate title however no title will be generated. An edit has been placed that will only allow the setting of the NP flag and disallow any information shown on the vehicle record to be changed.

NS NSF CHECK

Indicates that a check was used in payment of fees, however, returned to the Department for non-sufficient funds and finance set a NS flag against the vehicle record.

* NT NOT TITLED-FORCED

Indicates that an application for registration only was made and tax was paid. No title application was submitted because the vehicle is titled in another state and is only being used in Louisiana for a short period of time (usually 1 year or less) file should have a letter from the company they work for attesting to this fact. "NO TITLE" will be shown in the current title field.

* NU NON-USE AFFIDAVIT

Indicates a non-use affidavit was received that the vehicle was reported not in use for a specified period of time.

* NV NOTICE OF VIOLATION

Indicates a license plate was removed by law enforcement officers when the operator was unable to furnish proof of liability coverage at time of violation. No transaction is allowed until the NV flag has been cleared.

NW NONCONFORM WARRANTY

Indicates that a vehicle was returned to the manufacturer or dealer because it did not conform to its warranty and the defect or condition was not fixed within the time provided by Louisiana law. The words "NONCONFORM WARRANTY" will be printed on the title and will remain on all subsequent records.

PC PERMISSION TO CRUSH

Indicates a storage facility has requested permission to crush a vehicle that has been stored in excess of 30 days. This is a fatal flag and will not allow any transactions to be processed against the record.

PE PERSONAL STOP

Indicates Motor Vehicles has received a letter or is holding a file which will affect the issuance of a title or processing of a transaction against the file. The file is held in the section which received the information. Any inquiry or transaction against a record in which this flag is set must be routed to the unit as shown in the comments record. No transaction can be processed against a record in which this flag is set; however, this flag does not stop the issuance of a duplicate registration certificate using LA or VA inquiry codes.

* PF PLATE FORFEITED

Indicates that the license number by which inquiry was made was returned to the Motor Vehicle Office and a new license plate was issued. No transaction is allowed against a record in which this flag is set, because the record is inactive and a new master record exists under the license number which is "flashing" in the current license field and by the VIN.

PI PLATE IN FILE

Indicates the plate was returned to Motor Vehicles by postal authorities as undeliverable and is being held for a better address for the vehicle owner. The deputy should attempt to obtain a better address from the vehicle owner and forward this address to the Vehicle & DL Info Unit to have the plate mailed.

PO OFFICIAL REPORT OF STORED VEHICLE

Indicates that an Official Report of Stored Vehicle has been submitted by a storage facility for the vehicle. This flag will not prevent any transactions at this time.

PS PERMIT TO SELL

Indicates a Permit to Sell covering this vehicle was issued to a garage or storage facility in lieu of a title. The outstanding title, either Louisiana or from another state, is cancelled by issuance of the permit to sell. The "PS" flag will prevent the renewal or issuance of a plate and/or registration on the vehicle. The flag lifts automatically when a TT21, TT31 is processed.

* PT PRIVATE VEHICLE TRANSFER

Indicates the vehicle was transferred between individuals. The flag will prevent the renewal or issuance of a plate and/or registration on the vehicle.

* RC RECONSTRUCTED VEHICLE

Indicates a salvaged vehicle has been rebuilt for use on the highways. The word "RECONSTRUCTED" will be printed on the title and will remain on all subsequent records.

RS RESCINDED SALE

Indicates that the vehicle sale was rescinded and the vehicle has been returned to seller (dealership or individual). This flag will prevent the renewal or issuance of a plate and/or registration on the vehicle.

RT REPRINT TITLE

Indicates that the record had a "TI" on the computer and HQ received information on a corrected address. The "TI" flag is removed and replaced with the "RT" flag; this alerts Data Processing to have the title reprinted that night with the corrected address. **NO** title transactions can be done on the record the day that the "RT" flag is set. Once the title is reprinted that night by data, the flag will be removed automatically.

SB OPERATING SCHOOL BUS WITHOUT INSURANCE

Indicates the vehicle was being driven without insurance and involved in an accident. Will remain on the vehicle for 60 days and will prevent the renewal but will not prevent transfer of ownership.

SC SALE CANCELLED

Indicates that a dealer in error invoiced an incorrect vehicle and submitted the papers for title and registration and the sale was cancelled. This flag will prevent the renewal or issuance of a plate and/or registration on the vehicle.

SF SATISFIED

Indicates when subject has satisfied requirements for compulsory insurance and/or financial responsibility. Used in conjunction with the "NI" flag.

SI STICKER IN FILE

Indicates the sticker was returned to Motor Vehicles by postal authorities as undeliverable and is being held for a better address for vehicle owner. The deputy should attempt to obtain a better address from the vehicle owner and forward this address to the Vehicle & DL Info Unit to have the sticker re-mailed.

SL STOLEN LICENSE PLATE

Indicates the plate has been stolen rather than lost. To be used in conjunction with the CP flag. A new registration/plate must be issued.

SK SALVAGE KATRINA VEHICLE

Indicates the vehicle was damaged during Hurricane Katrina. The "SK" flag will become a permanent part of that vehicles' history.

SR SALVAGE RETENTION

Indicates a salvage vehicle has been retained by the owner. Flag requires that a salvage, dismantled or crushed vehicle title to be issued. This flag will prevent the renewal or issuance of a plate and/or registration on the vehicle until the vehicle is processed as a salvage or reconstructed vehicle.

* ST SALVAGED VEHICLE

Indicates that the vehicle is in a wrecked or salvaged condition and cannot be used on the highways or public streets. This flag will prevent the renewal or issuance of a plate and/or registration on the vehicle until the vehicle is reconstructed.

SV STOLEN VEHICLE

Indicates the vehicle has been reported stolen. No transaction can be processed against a record with this flag set. Contact the Stored Vehicle Unit for further instructions.

TI TITLE IN FILE – NO LONGER USED

Indicates the title was returned to Motor Vehicles by postal authorities as undelivered mail and is being held for a better address for lienholder or vehicle owner. The deputy should attempt to obtain a better address from the vehicle owner or lienholder and forward this address to the Special & Dealer Plate Unit to have the title mailed.

TO TITLE OUTSTANDING

Set internally when a delayed void was not accepted by the computer system. Contact 225-925-6364 for instructions.

* TR VEHICLE TRADED TO DEALER

Indicates that an invoice or bill of sale was received listing the vehicle as a trade-in. This flag will prevent the renewal or issuance of a plate and/or registration on the vehicle until the vehicle is re registered or flag removed if set in error.

* TS TITLE SURRENDERED OUT-OF-STATE

Indicates the Louisiana title was surrendered for registering out-of-state and title was returned to Louisiana for cancellation. **The TS flag must be set** whenever an out-of-state title is submitted with a file and there is a record on the computer which does not have an "FN" flag. If a current license plate is displayed on the record, a "CP" (cancelled plate) flag should be entered on TT30 along with the TS. Ex. "CP TS". **Do not remove the plate with a TT37.**

TV TOLL VIOLATOR

Indicates the vehicle driven violated a toll and is required to contact DOTD at 1-866-662-8987 to clear the violation. The phone lines are open from 8:00 – 4:00 Monday thru Friday. A vehicle can be transferred to a different owner, however the plate cannot be renewed.

UF UNACCOUNTED FOR PLATE

Indicates a license plate cannot be accounted for by an office. Contact (225) 922-0549 if you have problems with this flag.

VR VIN REPLACEMENT

Indicates a VIN replacement has been issued to the vehicle when the original vin plate has been lost, stolen, removed or in the case of two vins. This flag can only be set and/or removed by the Stored Vehicle Unit (225-925-6381).

* VT VEHICLE TRANSFERRED

Indicates a VEH-30 or copy of a bill of sale was submitted to the Department advising vehicle transferred/sold. This flag will have to be removed before the file can be processed for new owner. Title assignments must be verified to determine if a multiple transfer needs to be processed.

* WA WATER DAMAGED

Indicates the vehicle has been damaged by water. Out-of-state titles reflecting water damage must also be shown on subsequent transactions. The words "WATER DAMAGED" will be printed on the title and will remain on all subsequent records.

* 1L FIRST LIEN

Indicates that one lien exists on the vehicle record. An edit check is made when the transaction is entered to make certain that the number of liens entered on the screen match the lien flag.

* 2L SECOND LIEN

Indicates that one lien in addition to the one reflected on the vehicle record exists for this vehicle. If you have to add a 2nd lien, the screen will come up after you complete the first screen and transmit. In addition to lien document, must have the title to add a second lien and the title will be mailed to the first lienholder.

* 3L THIRD LIEN

Indicates that two liens in addition to the one reflected on the vehicle record exists for this vehicle. If you have to add a 3rd lien, the screen will come up after you complete the first screen and transmit. In addition to lien document, must have the title to add a second/third lien and the title will be mailed to the first lien holder.

FLAG PRIORITIES FOR TITLES

1ST BLOCK – 3L or 2L or 1L or CL

2nd BLOCK – DT

3RD BLOCK – (ST AND WA) or (ST AND HD) or ST or WA or HD

4th BLOCK – RC or KC or GK or AB

5TH BLOCK – FV or ME or NM

6TH BLOCK – NW

FLAG PRIORITY FOR REGISTRATIONS

- 1. 1L, EL, 2L, 3L or CL
- 2. DT
- 3. NW
- 4. CV, ST, DV, RC or WA
- 5. HD
- 6. GF, PS, FN or NT
- 7. LT or CS
- 8. FV, ME or NM
- 9. AB, GK, KC, GM or VR
- 10. NU, VS or RS